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To: Subst. House Bill No. 5482

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### ***"AN ACT CONCERNING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE CHILD POVERTY COUNCIL."***

1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and substitute the

2 following in lieu thereof:

3 "Section 1. Section 4-67x of the general statutes is repealed and the  
4 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

5 (a) There shall be a Child Poverty Council consisting of the  
6 following members or their designees: The Secretary of the Office of  
7 Policy and Management, the president pro tempore of the Senate, the  
8 speaker of the House of Representatives, the minority leader of the  
9 Senate and the minority leader of the House of Representatives, the  
10 Commissioners of Children and Families, Social Services, Correction,  
11 Mental Retardation, Mental Health and Addiction Services,  
12 Transportation, Public Health, Education, Economic and Community  
13 Development and Health Care Access, the Labor Commissioner, the  
14 Chairman of the Board of Governors for Higher Education, the Child  
15 Advocate, the chairperson of the State Prevention Council, the  
16 chairperson of the Children's Trust Fund and the executive [director]  
17 directors of the Commission on Children and the Commission on  
18 Human Rights and Opportunities. The Secretary of the Office of Policy  
19 and Management, or the secretary's designee, shall be the chairperson  
20 of the council. The council shall develop a ten-year plan, to begin June  
21 8, 2004, to reduce the number of children living in poverty in the state  
22 by fifty per cent.

23 (b) The plan shall contain: (1) An identification and analysis of the  
24 occurrence of child poverty in the state, (2) an analysis of the long-term  
25 effects of child poverty on children, their families and their  
26 communities, (3) an analysis of costs of child poverty to municipalities  
27 and the state, (4) an inventory of state-wide public and private  
28 programs that address child poverty, (5) the percentage of the target  
29 population served by such programs and the current state funding  
30 levels, if any, for such programs, (6) an identification and analysis of  
31 any deficiencies or inefficiencies of such programs, and (7) procedures  
32 and priorities for implementing strategies to achieve a fifty per cent  
33 reduction in child poverty in the state by June 30, 2014. Such  
34 procedures and priorities shall include, but not be limited to, (A)

35 vocational training and placement to promote career progression [ ] for  
36 parents of children living in poverty, (B) educational opportunities,  
37 including higher education opportunities, and advancement for such  
38 parents and children, including, but not limited to, preliteracy, literacy  
39 and family literacy programs, (C) housing for such parents and  
40 children, (D) day care and after-school programs and mentoring  
41 programs for such children and for single parents, (E) health care  
42 access for such parents and children, including access to mental health  
43 services and family planning, (F) treatment programs and services,  
44 including substance abuse programs and services, for such parents and  
45 children, and (G) accessible childhood nutrition programs.

46 (c) In developing the plan, the council shall consult with experts and  
47 providers of services to children living in poverty and parents of such  
48 children. The council shall hold at least one public hearing on the plan.  
49 After the public hearing, the council may make any modifications that  
50 the members deem necessary based on testimony given at the public  
51 hearing.

52 (d) Funds from private and public sources may be accepted and  
53 utilized by the council to develop and implement the plan and the  
54 provisions of this section.

55 (e) Not later than January 1, 2005, the council shall submit the plan,  
56 in accordance with section 11-4a, to the joint standing committees of  
57 the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to  
58 appropriations and human services and to the select committee of the  
59 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to children,  
60 along with any recommendations for legislation and funding  
61 necessary to implement the plan.

62 (f) On or before January 1, 2006, and annually thereafter, until  
63 January 1, 2015, the council shall report, in accordance with section 11-  
64 4a, to the joint standing committees of the General Assembly having  
65 cognizance of matters relating to appropriations and human services  
66 and to the select committee of the General Assembly having

67 cognizance of matters relating to children on the implementation of the  
68 plan, [and] progress made toward meeting the child poverty reduction  
69 goal specified in subsection (a) of this section and the extent to which  
70 state actions are in conformity with the plan. The council shall meet at  
71 least two times annually to review and coordinate state agency efforts  
72 to meet the child poverty reduction goal specified in subsection (a) of  
73 this section.

74 (g) Not later than January 1, 2006, the Office of Policy and  
75 Management shall: (1) Establish administrative procedures, through  
76 memoranda of agreement, coordination of services or other means, to  
77 improve access by eligible children and families to services that  
78 diminish poverty or negative outcomes related to poverty, (2) establish  
79 a common protocol among state agencies that assist families living in  
80 poverty, to expedite referrals and access to services, to reduce the  
81 number of children living in poverty in the state, and (3) within  
82 available appropriations and in accordance with the provisions of  
83 section 4-67, increase outreach and education to low-income families  
84 regarding available services and resources. Not later than July 1, 2006,  
85 the Office of Policy and Management shall require that state contracts  
86 related to services for low-income children and families include  
87 performance-based standards and outcome measures related to the  
88 child poverty reduction goal specified in subsection (a) of this section.

89 [(g)] (h) For purposes of this section, the Secretary of the Office of  
90 Policy and Management, or the secretary's designee, shall be  
91 responsible for coordinating all necessary activities, including, but not  
92 limited to, scheduling and presiding over meetings and public  
93 hearings.

94 [(h)] (i) The council shall terminate on June 30, 2015.

95 Sec. 2. Section 17b-16 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
96 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2005*):

97 The Labor Department, in cooperation with the Department of  
98 Social Services, shall provide information and assistance in obtaining,

99 within available appropriations, the federal earned income credit  
 100 established pursuant to 26 USC 32, to each applicant for or recipient of  
 101 assistance from the department. The Labor Department, in cooperation  
 102 with the Department of Revenue Services, shall promote the earned  
 103 income credit program to recipients of benefits pursuant to section  
 104 17b-112. The Department of Social Services, in consultation with the  
 105 Child Poverty Council, shall, within available appropriations, promote  
 106 greater utilization of the federal earned income credit to  
 107 municipalities, public and private employers, community-based  
 108 organizations and other entities that have frequent contact with low-  
 109 income families and shall enhance financial literacy and self-  
 110 sufficiency programs. School and business partnership funds, private  
 111 funds and other available funds may be used for purposes of this  
 112 section.

113 Sec. 3. (*Effective from passage*) Within available appropriations, the  
 114 Board of Trustees for Community-Technical Colleges may establish up  
 115 to three pilot programs to provide for student household and family  
 116 expenses of students with dependents while such students are  
 117 attending a community-technical college. Participation in the pilot  
 118 program shall be limited to students who are eligible for a federal Pell  
 119 grant.

120 Sec. 4. (*Effective July 1, 2005*) The sum of fifty thousand dollars is  
 121 appropriated to the Department of Social Services, from the General  
 122 Fund, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2006, for the purpose of  
 123 promoting greater utilization of the federal earned income credit and  
 124 enhancing financial literacy and self-sufficiency programs."

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	4-67x
Sec. 2	<i>October 1, 2005</i>	17b-16
Sec. 3	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 4	<i>July 1, 2005</i>	New section